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LETTER DATED 31 DECEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letters drawing the attention of the members of the Security Council to the perpetual and systematic policy of aggression by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) regime against the Sudan, I regret to inform the Council that the Eritrean regime is persistently pursuing its hostile policies against the Sudan.

On 29 December 1996, a Sudanese army helicopter was assuming routine border patrol near the town of Hamashkoreb on the Sudanese Eritrean border. It was attacked and shot down by an anti-aircraft missile (SAM-7) launched by Eritrean troops from inside the Eritrean territories.

While drawing the attention to the continued aggression perpetrated by the Eritrean EPLF regime, the Government of the Sudan requests that the Council takes necessary action to put an end to it within the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the jurisdiction of the Council in the maintenance of international peace and security.

I also request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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